



THIS BACKWARD SPRING CHILLS MORE THAN IT THRILLS

(Written Specially for The Bulletin.)

There's no use trying to get away from it. It's the one subject for conversation among farmers, wherever they meet.

"Did I ever see such weather?"

Last week I managed to get together a few bunches of asparagus, less than half-a-dozen, but too many for us to eat and too expensive for the market. So I took 'em out to three or four of my customers and sold them. They were just exactly a full month behind time—thirty-one days later than the normal. Nor were the stalks as big nor as tender as usual.

From every kitchen at which I stopped and from every farm-yard I passed and from every farmer I met came the same chorus—

"Did I ever see such weather?"

I've at last got my sweet-corn planted, though had to ignore the century and a quarter old tradition of the Farmer family, and plant it before I heard the whip-poor-will. The last day while we were planting the last patch it grew so cold and chilling that I buttoned my coat close up around my neck pulled the "ear-flaps" down on my cap, and put on a pair of gloves! I don't think I ever planted corn in gloves, before, but without them my fingers had grown so stiff and numb that I couldn't feel the kernels, so as to roll out the orthodox four to a hill. Actually, I could sense them better through the gloves than without that warming protection.

And that night, about twenty-five days later than his average, Mr. Whip-poor-will shouted his salutations to me from the steep back wood-lot. So I'm hoping that as I planted only one day before he sang, I may be forgiven by the ghosts of former generations. But even he, crying with the same full-throated abandon which in his wont. Instead of rolling out his fallacious admonition with usual rotundity, not to say redundancy, he seemed to snip it off and tuck it down. I said to John, next morning, "Why, it sounded as if he had his bill tucked into his overalls, for warmth and was afraid it 'd freeze if he uncovered it." Even his song seemed to ask, in tone if not in words: "Did I ever see such weather?"

Well, I'm frank to say I never did see just "such" weather. But if my memory serves me, and my records are fairly accurate, I've seen just about as mean and contrary weather. And so have you. We've all seen it. We've all bemoaned it while we were undressing it. We've all declared, spring after spring, that we never did see such weather.

Probably, too, we were right. In the large lexicon of fate which Nature reserves for spring use, there is so indubitable a variety of discomforts, setbacks and meannesses that she doesn't have to duplicate herself twice in a life-time. She can make at least three-score and ten varieties of spring weather, each one of which shall, to those who are actually undergoing it, seem the variety of discomfort, setbacks and meanness that she doesn't have to duplicate herself twice in a life-time.

We don't as a rule, give dear old Step-Mother Nature credit for her superhuman genius as a profoundly provoker and her limitless resources as a trouble-maker.

When the ordinary man has been real mean in about seven different ways he's about his limit. He may want to be mean in some other and different directions, but he doesn't know how and so has to be content with repeating his own scurvy shabbiness. But Nature isn't hampered with human limitations. Just as she can be benign and sweet in about a hundred different ways, when she takes that turn, so she can thwart and spite us in quite as many fashions, no two alike, when her mood turns to contrary. As it usually does, in the mis-called "merry spring-time."

In the delectable history of what happened to Alice when she went through the Looking-glass the White King remarked to her as he munched away at a hay sandwich, "There's nothing like eating hay when you're faint."

"I should think throwing cold water over you would be better," Alice suggested. "—or some salt-volatile."

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"Those who have studied the history of the first few months of the war," says the article, "are now convinced that Europe is quite familiar with the fact that, judged by the course of events at that time, Germany alone grasped the importance of industry in modern war. There is little evidence that the mechanics of her factories or the men essential to other industries were withdrawn from their regular occupations for service at the front. But how different was the experience in France and in England! The main idea there seemed to be to mobilize vast military forces immediately, regardless of the effect of such mobilization upon the industries which a little later would be vital to the military organization itself.

"The experienced men were withdrawn from these industries and as rapidly as possible sent to the front. After a few terrific weeks of endeavor to stem the German tide it became apparent that these same men (or as many of them as were left) were necessary behind the line in a desperate attempt to reorganize the industries which already were falling in their part of the war, viz., the supply of munitions, clothing, transportation and other facilities for the use of the military forces.

"In spite of this hurried attempt to correct the terrible mistake which had been made, the industries were seriously crippled. Many men sent to the front never came back. The army, because of the shortage of munitions and other supplies, was unable to cope with the German forces backed as they were by the most efficient industrial organization in the world. Indeed, there is little doubt that had all the industrial organizations of France and England been held intact at the start of the war, the tide of the German invasion would have been turned back more completely following the historic battle of the Marne.

Connecticut's Share.

Connecticut has every reason to be proud of the record which her citizens have made under the Stars and Stripes during the war. Statistics show that in practically every case enlistments from the state of Connecticut have been in proportion to population than from almost any other state in the Union. Connecticut in those days did her part and did it nobly but the conditions have changed very materially since our state was last called upon to render assistance in a national crisis.

In 1904 and 1905 the value of the manufacturing of this state increased approximately 23 per cent. In 1910, Connecticut, which stood thirty-first among the states in value of manufacturing products, in that year, the population of United States was divided into rural and urban as against 53.7 per cent. rural. At the same time, the population of Connecticut was divided 59.7 per cent. rural and 40.3 per cent. urban. The figures show conclusively that a large part of the population was gathered in the manufacturing centers.

In 1910, the estimated value of farm land in the state of Connecticut was \$159,400,000. The value of the manufactured products of the state for the same year was \$454,472,000. In other words, it is fair to say that the manufactured products in 1914 were at least three times more valuable than the total farm land of the state. It is hardly necessary to state, owing principally to the great increase in munitions production, the value of Connecticut's manufacturing products for 1915 and 1916 are very much above the figures for 1914.

Thus it will be seen that the burden which must be carried by the state of Connecticut in the present war must be first of all the burden of supply. Considering the very important position which Connecticut holds with respect to the manufacturing of the country and especially munitions manufacture, Uncle Sam has a right to expect that the state will be able to supply the needs of the army and navy.

However, had it may be seem to be at the time, we may be sure that all our wallings or grumbings won't get us anywhere.

According to established public records, there was ice and snow sufficient to smother every month during the summer of 1916 in parts of New England. According to records of my own family, the three summers of 1915, 1916 and 1917 were so cold that it was impossible to ripen tomatoes and like tender garden truck. In 1856 thick ice made all over Western Massachusetts and Eastern New York one day in mid-July killed the traveling of over many counties, so that all next year's seed had to be imported from elsewhere.

The world managed to live through these adventures, and few people starved because of them.

Perhaps we're going to have another cold summer, this year. If we are, the rest of the world will have to hunt up something for us to eat, instead of our helping it out.

Of Old Step-Mother Nature may change her mind, any minute, and turn on the heat again.

The only thing for us is to get ready for the best so that, if it comes, we can take full advantage of it.

THE FARMER.

Another thing: If we keep busy getting ready for a hoped-for break to good weather, we shall have less time to grow blue and worrying over the inclement present!

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Norwich's first vessel built of steel and cement, popularly called the "stone ship," will be completed in September.

Rid of a Lingering Cough. Cold weather persisted so late this year that many more persons have colds than ever before at this season. You can get relief from racking, hacking coughs, from wheezy, enervating breaths, from raw, sore throat and tight chest. W. G. Glazier, of Norwich, Ark., writes, "I can recommend Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. I used it for a cough that I had for years and was said to have consumption, but it cured me." Contains no opiates. Children like it. Lee & Osgood Co.

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